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SUBJECT: SOVIET UN INITIATIVE ON REDUCTION OF MILITARY
BUDGETS AND DEVELOPMENTS ASSISTANCE

REF: STATE 194560

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY ACTING DIRGEN (PELAGHIAS) RAISED SOVIET
PROPOSAL WITH US. (SOVIETS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTING GROMYKO'S
SPEECH HERE AND APPARENTLY MADE STRONG PITCH TO HIM.)

2. PELAGHIAS ASKED OUR VIEW OF PROPOSAL. I MADE POINTS
PARA 5 REFTEL.

3. PELAGHIAS SAID MINISTRY LIKED IDEA, AS BROAD PRINCIPLE,
OF REDUCING MILITARY EXPENDITURES AND INCREASING AID EX-
PENDITURES, AND ON THIS GROUND WAS INCLINED TO FAVOR PRO-
POSAL. I SAID THAT TO OPPOSE TWO PRINCIPLES HE CITED
WOULD BE LIKE OPPOSING MOTHERHOOD. SOVIET PROPOSAL HOWEVER
IS MUCH MORE SPECIFIC AND I WONDERED WHETHER GOC REALLY
BELIEVED AID SHOULD BE TIED TO MILITARY EXPENDITURE LEVELS,
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PARTICULARLY IN VIEW RELATIVELY SMALL MILITARY BUDGETS OF

OECD MEMBERS WITH FASTEST GROWING ABILITY TO PROVIDE AID.
ALSO NOTED DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RHETORIC AND FACT, AND
OBSERVED THAT CYPRUS GETS ALL ITS AID FROM IBRD AND SIMILAR
MULTILATERAL CHANNELS IN WHICH SOVIET PARTICIPATION NEAR
ZERO. I EXPRESSED HOPE THAT MINISTRY'S GENERAL ENDORSEMENT
OF PROPOSITION PARA 2 WOULD NOT LEAD IT TO INSTRUCT ITS
UNDEL TO SUPPORT ANY RESOLUTION SUCH AS GROMYKO HAD OUTLINED
WITHOUT FURTHER DETAILED STUDY.

4. PELAGHIAS ASSURED ME THAT CYPRUS WOULD INDEED NOT GIVE
BLANKET ENDORSEMENT TO SUCH PROPOSALS.
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